



# Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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## Idaho Dry Bean Production Down

*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October 2011 Agricultural Yield Survey and Dry Bean Inquiry. Acreage, yield, and production for selected crops are reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.*

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*Sincerely,*

*Ralph V. Matthews*

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Director

Idaho dry bean production for 2011 is forecast to be 1.51 million cwt, down 41 percent from last year's 2.55 million cwt. Yields are expected to average 1,800 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds per acre from 2010 but up 50 pounds per acre from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 84,000 acres, down 47 percent from last year's 134,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 4.59 million tons, down 3 percent from 2010. Harvested acreage, at 1.02 million acres, is down 10 percent from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 770,000 tons from 350,000 harvested acres, up from 714,000 tons from 340,000 harvested acres in 2010. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2011 is forecast to be 5.73 million tons, up 9 percent from the 5.27 million tons a year ago. Yield of 32.2 tons per acre is up from last year's 31.0 tons per acre. Harvested area of 178,000 acres is up from the 170,000 acres harvested in 2010. Corn planted for 2011 is estimated at 350,000 acres, up from 320,000 acres the previous year and a new record high for Idaho. Of the 350,000 acres planted, 100,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, down 9 percent from last year. Production of canola is expected to total 39.8 million pounds, up 20 percent from last year. Harvested acreage, at 18,500 acres, is up from last year's 18,400 acres.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 19.6 million cwt for 2011, down 38 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.20 million acres, down 37 percent from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.12 million acres, down 39 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,744 pounds per acre, an increase of 18 pounds from 2010. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 64.7 million tons, down fractionally from the August forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 67.0 million tons, down fractionally from the August forecast and down 14 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1993. U.S. sugarbeet production for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but 3.4 tons below last year. The first canola production forecast for 2011 is 1.53 billion pounds, down 37 percent from 2010. U.S. corn production is forecast at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from the 2010 production estimate.

### 2011 Dry Bean Production

#### Top 10 States

State	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	5,735
Michigan	2,970
Minnesota	2,262
Nebraska	2,091
Idaho	1,512
Washington	1,120
California	990
Wyoming	792
Colorado	608
New Mexico 1/	290

### 2011 Alfalfa Hay Production

#### Top 10 States

State	1,000 Tons
California	6,486
South Dakota	5,850
Montana	4,680
Idaho	4,590
Minnesota	4,070
Nebraska	3,400
Wisconsin	3,105
North Dakota	3,000
Colorado	2,788
Iowa	2,482

### 2011 Sugarbeet Production

#### Top 10 States

State	1,000 Tons
Minnesota	9,471
Idaho	5,732
North Dakota	5,082
Michigan	3,665
Nebraska	1,250
Montana	1,082
California 2/	1,075
Wyoming	775
Colorado	746
Oregon	302

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

2/ relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California

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## Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2010-2011

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		
	2010	2011		2010	2011	2010	2011	
IDAHO	Thousand Acres			Thousands				
	Alfalfa Hay	1,130.0	1,020.0	Tons	4.20	4.50	4,746	4,590
	Other Hay	340.0	350.0	Tons	2.10	2.20	714	770
	Sugarbeets	170.0	178.0	Tons	31.0	32.2	5,270	5,732
	Canola	18.4	18.5	Pounds	1,800	2,150	33,120	39,775
	Dry Beans <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	134.0	84.0	Pounds	1,900	1,800	2,546	1,512
UNITED STATES	Alfalfa Hay	19,956.0	19,329.0	Tons	3.40	3.35	67,903	64,714
	Other Hay	39,906.0	38,276.0	Tons	1.95	1.75	77,653	66,980
	Sugarbeets	1,155.7	1,207.6	Tons	27.6	24.2	31,901	29,180
	Canola	1,431.0	1,050.0	Pounds	1,713	1,459	2,450,947	1,532,165
	Dry Beans <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	1,842.7	1,123.7	Pounds	1,726	1,744	31,801	19,593

1/ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 2/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.

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